

# **The New Arabian Branch Scottsdale Public Library**

## **The Setting**

Nestled at the base of the McDowell Mountains, the new Arabian Library will offer more materials, more community meeting areas and more services that will attract and satisfy a surge of library visitors. It will be located in McDowell Mountain Park, across from the Desert Canyon Schools.

	Current Arabian Library	New Arabian Library
Total Square Feet	8,400 Sq. ft	20,000 Sq. ft.
Total # of items	60,000 volumes	100,000 volumes
Total # of Public Access Computers	16	41
Public Meeting Rooms	0	2
Group Study Rooms	0	2

## **The Status**

Design Phase and bidding has been completed. Construction is beginning and the Library is slated to opening in fall of 2007. The current project budget is \$10.3 million with funds approved by voters in the 2000 bond election.

## **The Services**

Experience library service – Scottsdale style! Arabian Library will feature:

- Unique teen space tailored to meet teen needs
- Expanded children's area with story time room and early literacy activities
- New computer lab and expanded computer classes
- Comfortable public seating areas
- Accommodating public meeting rooms
- Group study rooms
- Express Check-Out and Check-in
- Wi-Fi Internet access
- Dedicated parking

## **The Sensational**

Library visitors will enjoy all of the traditional services they've come to expect along with:

- An inspiring canyon themed entrance
- Patio reading courtyard with neighborhood views
- Delightful early learning activities and outdoor children's area
- Convenient drive-through window for pick-up and returns
- Coffee and refreshment bar with a patio area
- An intriguing used book shop

## **Building Design Awards**

- 2005 American Institute of Architects Western Mountain region Citation Award
- American Library Association Honor Award

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